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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 9 October 1957

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report -- September 1957

ADMINISTRATION

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1. The number of personnel charged against ceiling as of 30 September was

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3. On 10 September, Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at the 13th Intelligence Orientation Course.

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4. An after-hours course in Elementary Russian under with 10 students began on 25 September.

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entered upon a six-month Thai language course at NSA on 30 September.

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5. attended as an observer a meeting at the National Science Foundation of IAC and non-IAC representatives interested in the translation of Russian scientific literature especially as an aid to Western World scientific research and development.

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6. Deputy Chief, FDD, met with Mr. Nicholas Post of ATIC and Major George Kudravetz, Air Force representative on the Exploitation Subcommittee, to discuss Air Force use of services.

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OPERATIONS

1. The 86th meeting of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications was held on 20 September. The review of the Eastern Europe program was completed and the review of the Communist Far East was started. facilities would be available to interested agencies on a reimbursable basis at cost.

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4. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 61 cases of duplication totaling 1,186 pages.

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5. Arrangements were completed with Graphics Register to accession photographs in reports produced by 

6. The Scientific and Technical Branch has inaugurated exploitation of information in economic and industrial fields related to guided missiles and atomic energy for inclusion in the Scientific Information Report.

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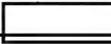


A Basic Political Research Section was formed to prepare reports on the basic structure and operation of the Soviet government and Communist party and on long-term ideological trends; also to supplement reporting of information of current intelligence interest.

8. Commendations

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From Chief, Western Hemisphere Division, DD/P, for the skillful translation of a large volume of barely legible documents performed 

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From Director of Central Intelligence, for services of [redacted] during his assignment with [redacted]

From Director of Training, for [redacted] who over the past year has repeatedly assisted the Office of Training in evaluating proficiency of trainees in spoken French and Russian.

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9. Liaison activities (other than CIA)

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[redacted] to supply English and Vietnamese material needed for an Air Force contract research paper on the North Vietnam military situation.

Department of the Army

With Army Transport Corps, Transport Intelligence Agency, Mr. R. A. Simmons, Mr. Roy Loudermilk, and Mr. Richard Parthenais, to discuss requirements for information on Eastern European rail and water transportation needed for NIS chapters in these fields.

United States Information Agency

With Production Division/Far East, Mr. R. R. Raven, to discuss program guidance matters concerning FDD scheduled reports on Communist China.

10. Special services rendered

Office of Training -- Conducted oral examination in Norwegian, prepared Hungarian language test for use in the proficiency awards program, and furnished a Polish linguist to assist with a Polish study group.

Office of Central Reference -- For Graphics Register, monitored Polish films and translated captions.

Department of State -- Assembled world-wide foreign press reaction to the Russian ICBM announcement on a crash basis.

11. Outstanding reports

FDD Summary No. 1447 -- Weekly Economic Report on Eastern Europe (157) (first available extracts from the Bulgarian Statistical Yearbook, covering gross national product, labor, production by industry; hard figures. pp 65-84)

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FDD Summary No. 1444 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China (165) (gives ratio of technical cadres to production workers, percentage of technical cadres in administration, and percentage of high-grade and intermediate-grade technical cadres in four plants. pp 97-102)



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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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